



**MONTGOMERY COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE
DRIVER/OPERATOR TRAINING PROGRAM**

Practical Application Guide Sheet

UTV Off Road Driving

Candidate Name: _____

Candidate Performance Competency: The driver candidate shall display proficiency in safe operation of the UTV while negotiating various off-road obstacles. This will be evaluated on an off-road course selected by the evaluator.

Off Road Driving	Value	Score
1. Explain the "Go/No Go" evaluation process.	1	
2. Explain the difference between 4WD High and 4WD Low. Determine 4 High or 4 low for the following obstacles.	1	
3. Shift into 4WD. Assess the hazard/obstacle by scouting and making a "Go/No Go" decision. Drive up an incline (hill), apply the parking brake, and turn off the engine. Restart the engine. Release the parking brake but hold the ATV in place with left foot on brake. Start to climb the hill without rolling backward. Proceed to the top of the incline.	5	
4. After reaching the top of the incline, back the ATV down the incline.	1	
5. Assess the hazard/obstacle by scouting and making a "Go/No Go" decision. Drive the ATV along an incline at mid slope, judging slope steepness and the capability of the ATV to safely maneuver on the slope. Drive down the incline.	3	
6. Assess the hazard/obstacle by scouting and making a "Go/No Go" decision. Maneuver the ATV through/over rocks determining the safest route.	2	
7. Assess the hazard/obstacle by scouting and making a "Go/No Go" decision. Drive the ATV through sand or soft dirt without getting stuck.	2	
8. Assess the hazard/obstacle by scouting and making a "Go/No Go" decision. Drive the ATV across a fallen log.	2	
9. Assess the hazard/obstacle by scouting and making a "Go/No Go" decision. Drive the ATV through water/creek. Determine water depth using spotter. Check brakes after exiting water.	3	
10. After off-road operations- Shift into 2 WD. Check undercarriage for hanging wires, shock mounts, fluid leaks, tie rod, tires, and brakes. Clean radiator well as needed. Check for body damage.	4	

Off Road Driving	Value	Score
Total Points	24	

Critical Fail Points

Failure to successfully perform any of the following components will result in an automatic failure of this evolution regardless of total score.

- a) Not shifting into 4 WD, when appropriate.**
- b) Not wearing seat belt or helmet.**
- c) Rolling the ATV.**

Evaluator: Initial beside the final outcome of the exam below.

____ **PASS** ____ **FAIL – Overall Points** ____ **FAIL – Critical Failure Point**

Evaluator Name

Date

Evaluator Signature